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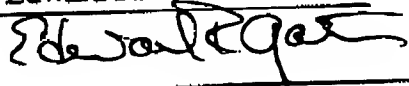
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Applicant: Howard Green et al.  
Serial No: 09/359,920  
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For: TRANSGLUTAMINASE LINKAGE OF AGENTS TO TISSUE  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Examiner's telephone request regarding a restriction requirement in the above-identified application, Applicants orally elect Group III.

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 4, 7-9, 12, 14, 15, 20-22, 26, 30, 32, 33, 35, 41 and 43-49. Please add new claims 74-98 (which were cancelled in the Preliminary Amendment and have now been reintroduced and renumbered).

In the Claims

Please add the following claims:

74. (New) The composition of claim 53, wherein the linking molecule comprises at least 5 linked units, each unit being a carboxamide-bearing substrate for transglutaminase.

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75. (New) The composition of claim 53, wherein the linking molecule is 4 or more contiguous glutamines attached directly to one another by peptide bonds.